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County Executive Leggett to Present His Recommended FY2015 Operating Budget

Monday, March 17, 2014 12:00noon

Executive Office Building

101 Monroe Street, Rockville

(Lobby Level Auditorium)

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett will present his recommended operating budget for FY 2015 and highlight his budget priorities. Fiscal year 2015 runs from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The news conference will be broadcast live on County Cable Montgomery, Channel 6 for RCN and Comcast subscribers and Channel 30 for Verizon subscribers. The press conference can also be viewed live on the County's website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ccm.

Parking: Public parking is available on the lower level of the Council Office Building garage at the corner of Monroe and Jefferson streets.

Watch LIVE online during the press event.

Updates from County Council . . .

Monday, March 17 – Declaration of No Further Need: Current Public Safety Training Academy site 2:00pm (GO Committee);

Tuesday, March 25 – Full Council vote on Ten Mile Creek resolution; time TBA



UCAB Meeting
Monday, March 17 7:00pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Councilmember Hans Riemer will visit with the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board to discuss various timely items. The board will continue their discussion on the Midcounty Highway Extended road project.

NOTICE TO THE COMMUNITY!

National Capital Region Full-Scale Emergency-Preparedness Exercise to Take Place at South Germantown Recreational Park

Tuesday, March 18 8:00am – 3:00pm

Montgomery County public safety personnel and partnering organizations will be participating in a Maryland National Capital Region full-scale emergency-preparedness exercise to take place at the South Germantown Recreational Park (SGRP) located in Germantown (Boyds), Maryland. Much of the scenario activity will take place on the grounds of the SoccerPlex and inside the Discovery Sports Center building located at 18031 Central Park Circle in Germantown (Boyds).

Please note that the Germantown Indoor Swim Center and the Montgomery TennisPlex will remain open for their scheduled activities. The Discovery Sports Center and all other facilities, programs and recreational activities in the SGRP will be closed to the public during the hours of the exercise.

Community members are advised that the sounds, activities and equipment with large-scale public safety response that might be seen and heard on March 18 are for proactive training purposes only and not based on any specific threat to our region. Surrounding neighborhoods should expect very minimal disruption and limited additional noise to their communities.

The scenario simulation will be based on an incident in a large public area which results in multiple "casualties." This scenario is designed to test the capabilities of the state of Maryland's Emergency Response System program in cooperation with participating area hospitals and other agencies.

An organizing agency, Maryland Emergency Response System, is looking for community volunteers to participate in a variety of role-playing positions between 9 a.m. and noon during the exercise.

A related emergency preparedness exercise will also be taking place on the same day and time at the Six Flags America Park located at 13710 Central Avenue, Upper Marlboro, in Prince George's County.

Contact for volunteer opportunities: mwarner@miemss.org

For more information, see [MIEMSS 021814 Mass Casualty Exercise PG](#) -

Faith Community Working Group Looking for Volunteers in Preparedness Exercise

As part of its initiative to increase the faith community's role in disaster preparedness in Montgomery County, the recently established Faith Community Working Group (FCWG) has been working with strategic partners to identify to collaboratively prepare for emergencies and develop the community's capacity for disaster relief.

A Family Reunification Exercise is being coordinated by the Montgomery County Emergency Response System and the Department of Health and Human Services. It is an exercise which simulates how family members will be reunited following a mock terrorist incident in the county.

They are looking for:

- Volunteers to play the roles of family members
- Clergy to act as chaplains
- No professional acting experience is required

Click here for flyer with full details. Or visit <http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1102382248246-590/Montgomery+County+Family+Reunification+Exercise+for+FCWG.pdf>

Montgomery Parks' Athletic Fields Closed through March 16 Due to Wet Conditions.

<http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/2014/03/13/montgomery-parks-athletic-fields-closed-through-march-16-due-to-wet-conditions>

Montgomery Parks' Lake Needwood and Little Seneca Lake Will Open On March 15 for Boating and Fishing

Little Seneca Lake in [Black Hill Regional Park](#) and Lake Needwood in [Rock Creek Regional Park](#) will open on March 15. For details, visit:

<http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/2014/03/13/montgomery-parks-lake-needwood-and-little-seneca-lake-will-open-march-15-for-boating-and-fishing>



Construction Notice from the City of Gaithersburg . . .

Street reconstruction will take place weekdays between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Quince Orchard Boulevard from Diamond Drive to approximately 600 feet east starting the week of March 31. [Read here for information and updates.](#)

Councilmember Nancy Floreen Seeks Nominations for 2014 Golden Shovel Awards

This winter season of extensive snowfalls gave Montgomery County residents great need for snow removal. For some, shoveling sidewalks was either an unmanageable challenge or posed a possible danger to their health. Fortunately, throughout the County, there were residents who cleared their own sidewalks—and also helped neighbors in need. To recognize those who helped neighbors by shoveling additional sidewalks, Montgomery County Councilmember Nancy Floreen is reintroducing the (Sidewalks Are For Everyone) **SAFE/Golden Shovel Awards**.

Nominees must be County residents and recommended by another person. Those completing the form are asked to describe in detail why the candidate should receive an award. Nominations will be considered based on efforts to clear snow from sidewalks in the County.

Nominations must be mailed or e-mailed by March 31. Individuals to be recognized will be honored at a County Council session in April.

Nomination forms are available online at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Floreen/Resources/Files/2014goldenshovel.pdf> . Nomination forms also are available in The Gazette Newspapers.

Mailed nominations can be sent to: Montgomery County Council, SAFE/Golden Shovel Award, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850. To send by e-mail, provide all the information requested in the nomination form to: councilmember.floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov

To see the entire press release, visit

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_detailsnew.asp?PrID=13468

County Council is Seeking Applicants for Montgomery County Planning Board

The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants to fill a position on the Montgomery County Planning Board for the expiring term of Françoise Carrier (Democrat). Her term will expire on June 14, 2014. Ms. Carrier, who serves as the Planning Board Chair, has indicated that she will not apply for reappointment. Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 7. See more information at

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_detailsnew.asp?PrID=13479

H2O Summit

Saturday, March 22 9:30am – 4:00pm

Silver Spring Civic Building

1 Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring 20910

The H2O Summit is almost here! Next Saturday, join the Department of Environmental Protection and local environmental leaders for a full day of activities, speakers and workshops. Best of all - **it's free!** New this year: musicians and mini-workshops on topics such as frogs, edible forests and native plants. We hope to see you there! [Learn More»](#) or go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.mygreenmontgomery.org/h2o-summit>

Community Cornerstones: African American Communities in Montgomery County, Maryland Premiere of Documentary Video!

Monday, March 24

The Universities at Shady Grove

Auditorium, Building I

9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

6:30pm – reception

7:30 pm – screening begins

Between the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement, 40 African American churches were constructed in Montgomery County. In these cornerstones of their communities, generations of black families created their own spiritual, social and educational opportunities.

Heritage Montgomery has produced a new 60-minute documentary video featuring five of these historic church communities: ***Community Cornerstones: African American Communities in Montgomery County, Maryland***. The video includes reminiscences by church elders whose words explain how these communities developed, illustrate life in segregated times, and convey their pride in the accomplishments of their ancestors. Because music is such an integral part of the African American experience, the choirs associated with each featured church play a part in this project and their performances are highlighted throughout the video.

Due to LIMITED SEATING, please RSVP to: heritagemontgomery@gmail.com to reserve your seat/s!

This event is free of charge.

An accompanying *Community Cornerstones* brochure is available at the Heritage Montgomery website (HeritageMontgomery.org) under the "About Us" tab.

Used Electronics Drop-Off Event
Saturday, March 29 10:00am – 2:00pm
Poolesville High School, 17501 Willard Road, Poolesville, MD 20837

Accepted Items: Small electronic appliances, calculators, camcorders, CDs and floppy disks, CD players, cell phones, computers & computer-related items, consumer electronics, copiers, cords & cables (including chargers), digital cameras, electronic typewriters, fax machines, microwave ovens, personal digital assistant equipment, printers, projection equipment, scanners, telephones, small electronic toys, televisions and VCRs.

Sorry, we cannot accept compact fluorescent lights or appliances containing Freon at this event. Please bring these items to the drop-off sites at the Transfer Station (16101 Frederick Road).

Our program for electronics recycling is open to all Montgomery County residents and businesses.

For More Information: Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gogreen or call 311 (please call 240-777-0311 if outside Montgomery County)

PLEASE JOIN COUNTY EXECUTIVE IKE LEGGETT SATURDAY MARCH 29 AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENDING POVERTY

Saturday, March 29 10:00am – 4:00pm
Silver Spring Civic Building
1 Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring

Fifty years after declaring a war on poverty, 50 million children and adults in our country are still mired in poverty. Another 60 million live below 200% of the poverty line, in significant need of support with life's necessities. The [National Conference on Ending Poverty](#), presented by A Wider Circle and the Montgomery County Office of Community Partnerships, will highlight innovative, on-the-ground approaches to ending poverty and will connect attendees with concrete ways to engage. Hear from national and local leaders who are successfully creating stable neighborhoods, helping people get back to work, and addressing the basic needs of our neighbors living in need.

Register [here](#) or email conference@awidercircle.org for more information.

Residents can call MC311 to report damage from snow clearing operations; some repairs are handled when spring arrives. See http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/dpwt/PressRelease/PR_list.asp

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/cs/templ.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>